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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Restaurants - Caffeine-Free, Sugar-Free Soft Drinks Offered for**
3 **Consumption**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a person who operates a restaurant that offers regular
5 soft drinks or sugar-free soft drinks for consumption to offer caffeine-free,
6 sugar-free soft drinks; providing for certain criminal penalties; and generally
7 relating to restaurants.

8 BY adding to
9 Article - Business Regulation
10 Section 19-103
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Business Regulation**

16 19-103.

17 (A) A PERSON WHO OPERATES A RESTAURANT THAT OFFERS REGULAR SOFT
18 DRINKS OR SUGAR-FREE SOFT DRINKS FOR CONSUMPTION SHALL OFFER
19 CAFFEINE-FREE, SUGAR-FREE SOFT DRINKS.

20 (B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR
21 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$500.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2002.